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Serial Nos.

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SUBJECT

protection of pre-historic megalithic sites

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EDUCATION SECRETARY No. 2374 Date 27/6

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No. D.4238-G/48.

From

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bengalore.

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Dated New Delhi the 16th June, 1948.

Subject:- Protection of pre-historic megalethic sites.

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Sir, Sir,

I am directed to forward for information and such action as you may consider necessary a copy of the resolution passed by the Gentral Advisory Board of Archaeology at its meeting held at Madras on the 2nd February 1948, about the protection of pre-historic megalethic sites. A copy of the Ordinance issued by the Madras Government on the same subject is also enclosed.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary
to the Government of India.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH 16 9-7-49

Date 22-7-48 No. 473

1) If a copy of the letter to Selvis with its enclosure will be forwarded to the Director of Archaeology for information.

2) Edn Secy
3) Min Edn
Edn 26/7/48

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Draft submitted for orders

29/7. 6.8.48

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The Director of Archs,

No. E. 2797. D. 20.9.48.

Pds. a copy of this letter for information and report.

SwsA 8/10/48

Letter No. 190, dated 2579/1948 from the Dr. of Archaeology forwarding a report in the matter.

2. The Director of Archaeology in the circumstances explained states that an exhaustive survey of the pre-historic megalithic sites and their excavation is absolutely necessary and that immediate measures should be taken

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protection of pre-historic megalithic sites.

for their protection.

8. He therefore requests that an ordinance be passed by Govt. on the same lines as the Madras Govt.

9. Submitted with reference to orders at paras 3 & 4 supra.

KAS 16.10.48 Sd/- (Edu Secy)

(1) Where is the ordinance? Or it only a circular? Write to Govt of Madras to send a copy of the ordinance if any

Sd/-
19/10/48

(2) A copy of the ordinance issued by the Madras Govt. is enclosed by the Addl Secy. to Govt. of India. The ordinance is in the form of a circular. Submitted.

KAS 19/10/48 Sd/- 19/10 (By Edu Secy)

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14) 1) Write to Govt of Madras to send a copy of the ordinance said to have been passed.
2) Write to Director to send copy of the ordinance. He may have kept it with him by mistake

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15 Subject: worth 2 Rs. for approval

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15.11.48 P.M. 16. [illegible]

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Jn Govt of Madras.

No. E. 5934. d. 13.12.48.

Requests him to furnish a copy of the ordinance.

Do.

Jn Director of Archs

No. E. 5935. d. 13.12.48

Requests him to send a copy of the ordinance.

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Letter no. 94142/48-2.C.2. Edn d. 28.1.1949 from the Sg. to Govt. of Madras forwarding a copy of the Govt. order called for.

17. The Secretary to Govt of Madras has forwarded a copy of G.O. no. 148. Edn, dated 21.1.'49 and a copy of instructions issued by the Board of Revenue in its Proceedings no 1166, d. 26.8.'48.

18 Kind reference is invited to the remarks of the Director of Archaeology in the matter. Vide paras 7 and 8 supra.

19 Submitted with reference to orders at paras 14 supra.

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1872/49. Since 20) the Govt. order on the lines of the one issued by the Govt. of Madras can be issued in Mysore also with suitable modifications. But the difficulty is that there is no consoli-

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Dated list of Megalithic Sites, Stone Rings and pre-historic monuments readily available for reference by the Village Officers and Revenue Officers If approved, the Director will be requested to prepare such a list and get it printed and distributed to the Revenue Officers and Village Officers concerned.

Mr 22/2

Can see)

22) Consult the R.C. unofficially about the exception & the procedure, as in Madras, here also.

Can see 23/2/49 Mr 24/2

Un-Official No. 244. Dated 3rd ~~February~~ 1949.

22) Forwarded with compliments to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore for remarks.

By Order,
M.R. Nagegowda 2/3
For Secretary to Government,
Education Department.

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THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE. BANGALORE. OFFICE OF ★
No. A&C 10
4 JUN 1949

No.L.Dis.C10-4388/48-49. Dated, Bangalore, 24th June 1949.

23. Returned with compliments.

Under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, there is a list of Ancient Moguments classified according to their importance and all important monuments are inspected by the Sub

DivisionOfficers or Deputy Commissioners and a report sent once a year. Similar inspections can be conducted by the Sub Division Officers or Amildars in respect of Megalethic sites, stone rings and pre-historic monuments in the State. But according to the enquiries made in the Department there is no such list prepared and in the absence of even a rough list of such places there may not be much good in promulgating an ordinance or issuing circular instructions regarding their inspections and maintenance of registers by the village officers, the Revenue Inspector and the Amildar. At present the officers of the Revenue Department have no idea whatever of "Megalithic sites". The purpose intended will be served only if a list of such places with their description given in full in Kannada is sent particularly to the village - - officers along with the circular to be issued.

24. While agreeing with the principles indicated in the circulars issued by the Government of Madras in this matter, I would first suggest that the Director of Archaeology in Mysore may be first requested to furnish a list of such sites in the State with full description. The connected papers are returned herewith.

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REVENUE COMMISSIONER.
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25. Subject with reference to orders at para 21 supra.

26. It is for consideration and orders whether the Director of Archaeology may be requested to furnish the information required by the R.C. in para 24 supra. 27. Yes upto

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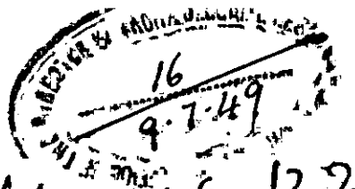

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28 Forwarded with compliments to the Director of Archaeology in Mysore for necessary action.

By order,

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for Sg. to Govt.,
Edn. Dept.
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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY.

Mysore,

No. 143 Dated 19th October 1949

one list and unofficial file

29 Returned with compliments to the Education Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore. At present the Department is not maintaining a list of these megaliths since an intensive survey in this line is yet to be made in the State. However, in so far as the Department has come across such sites during tours in the previous years, a short descriptive note with a few illustrations has been published in the several previous Annual Reports of the Department. On the basis of this note contained in the Reports a rough list has now been prepared and submitted herewith. But the list is by no means exhaustive. It requires to be considerably added to in the coming years, in view of the fact that such monuments are found to exist in very large numbers almost in all the Districts of the State.

30. For the enlightenment of the Village Officers and the public, I would suggest that I may kindly be permitted to prepare a brochure on 'The Megaliths in Mysore' not only in Kannada but also in English since the subject is of international significance. I expect that the brochure would consist of about 20 to 25 pages of letter press, about 20 photographs and half a dozen sketches. The brochure could be issued in the same size as the guide book Each brochure would cost us about As.4/- and the total cost of getting 2000 copies printed (1000 Kannada and 1000 English) would come to about Rs.500/- at this rate. The Kannada books may be distributed among all the Hobli, Taluk and District headquarters while the English books may be sold to intending purchasers at As.0-8-0 a copy which would bring in an income of Rs.500/- and cover thus the expenditure incurred in this behalf.

By Regd Post

L. Narasimhachar

Ag. Director of Archaeology.

31. for orders whether the Revenue Commissioner may be informed as at para 29 of the n.o. note, a copy of

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protection of "Megalithic Sites" in the State.

- the "Megalithic Sites in Mysore" enclosed by the Director of Archaeology being sent to the R.C.

32. The question of permitting the Director to prepare a brochure on the subject will be taken later, if ARS..

33. Subject for orders with reference to paras 29 to 27 supra.

KRB 29.10.69.

34) A list of sites as now available is given by the Dir. of Archaeology and it could be added to as other such places are discovered

35) The R.C. is agreeable to the principles indicated in the Circulars issued by the Govt. of Madras. (para 24 above)

36) As suggested in para 20 above there could be no objection to issue a ~~Circular~~ Govt. order on the lines of the one issued by the Govt. of Madras with such Changes as this may be done

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Re: protection of Megalithic Sites in the State

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37) What is the meaning of the word Village Adangal? Does it mean R.R. & T.L. Registers maintained in the Village Accountants? If not kindly send a draft circular on the lines of the one issued in the Tuticorin District.

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like "village adangal"

38) The technical terms used in the circular dated 21.1.1948 issued from the Govt. of Madras regarding the protection of pre-historic Megalithic Sites cannot be easily interpreted as they are not current here.

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39) Hence, if approved, the Director of Archaeology will be requested to send up a Circular on the lines of the one issued by the Govt. of Madras and submit the same for the consideration of Govt.

40) Submitted with a draft for approval

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41 May be best way to
suggest Regts

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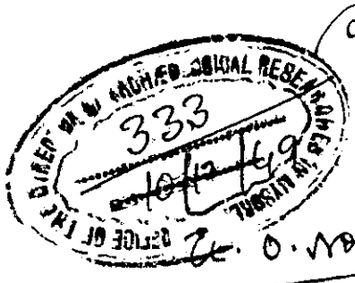

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Memo

42. Forwarded Memo from Director
of Research Coy for favour of
furnishing suitable Regt circulars
and instructions

B.O

M. Rajagopal
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For Secy War
Dept

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Department of Archaeology.
Mysore.
Dated 27th April 1950.

43. Returned with compliments. A draft ~~xx~~ circular on the lines suggested hereunder may kindly be issued in this connection.

Proceedings of the Govt of Mysore

Subject: Protection of Pre-Historic Megalithic Sites in the Mysore State.

---d. 18.6.1948

Read: Letter No.D.4238-G/48 from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, ~~Education Branch~~, Ministry of States, New Delhi forwarding for information and necessary action a copy of the resolution passed by the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology at its meeting held at Madras on the 2nd February 1948, about the protection of pre-historic sites.

2. Un-Official Note No.L.Dis.C.10-4388/48-49 dated 24th June 1949 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, agreeing with the principles indicated in the Circulars issued by the Government of Madras in the matter and suggesting that the Director of Archaeology in Mysore may be requested to furnish a list of such sites in the State with full description.

3. from the Director of Archaeology, U.O.No.143 dated 19th October 1949 enclosing a provisional list of megalithic sites in the Mysore State and recommending that a similar procedure as the one adopted by the Government of Madras may be followed in the Mysore State in the matter of the preservation of the Pre-Historic Megalithic Sites.

Order no E 3077-87 d 23/6/50

44. After examining the recommendations made by the Revenue Commissioner and the Director of Archaeology on the resolution adopted by the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology in the matter of preserva-

preservation of pre-historic megalithic sites, the Government of Mysore are pleased to order:- the following instructions are issued for information and guidance:-

1) That the village Patels and Shanbhogs should be instructed to inspect the Megalithic sites in their respective jurisdiction and report, at least once a quarter, to the Amildar through the Revenue Inspector. The Revenue Inspectors in their turn should inspect such sites and submit a report every half year to the Deputy Amildars or Amildars as the case may be. The Amildars and Deputy Amildars in independent charge should inspect the sites at least once a year well in advance of the Huzur Jamabandi. The inspection of these sites and monuments should be included under the questions to be dealt with at the time of Jamabandi.

2) Entries of all the Pre-historic Megalithic sites should be made in the Jamabandi Register as a sub-heading under the column "Banjar" or "Gomala" if such entries have not already been made. An up-to-date list of such pre-historic megalithic sites will be furnished by the Director of Archaeology, along with their description, to the concerned Revenue authorities.

3) All offences relating to such sites and monuments should be investigated promptly by the Deputy Commissioners and Revenue Sub Division Officers concerned and ~~dealt~~ dealt with under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Regulation of 1925 - necessary amendments being made ~~thereof~~ therefor.

4) In order that the Village Officers might take more interest in the preservation of these Archaeological sites, one quarter of the compounding ~~fees~~ fees realised

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may be paid as reward to the village officers who detect illicit quarrying of the sites or cause encroachments on them or otherwise cause damage to them.

5) The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Deputy Commissioners in the matter.

For L.S.G. to Sign.
KAS

(L. Narasimhachar)
Ag. Director of Archaeology.

To

RKN.

The Dy. Dir. of Archy
The R.C.,
The Deputy Cs

For K.S.G. to Sign.

To

The Secretary to Govt. of Mysore,
Local Self-Govt. Department,
Bangalore.

20 copies to be sent to the D.C.s of Hassan, Chickmagalur & Tumkur

45. The draft circular suggested by the Director of Archaeology is for approval. Reference orders at para 37 supra

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47) May be approved.
Minister (for L.S.G.)

48) 15/5/50

49) To issue orders

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protection of prehistoric Megalithic sites in the State.

50) Submits with a draft to the Dy. of Archaeology as per kind instructions

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51) Perused. Send before me

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Secy. Secy) 12/6 12/6 June 1950

No 2773 Date 13/6 G. G. DEPARTMENT

D.o.

The Dy. of Archy.

No. E. 3088 / Archy. 10-48-5,
d. 23.6.50.

Requests him to furnish the necessary amendments that are to be effected to the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act of 1925.

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MYSORE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT 898/C 19 MAY 1955 COM. & DEV. DEPT.

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Copy of G.O.Ms No. 198 dated 21st January 1948 of the Government of Madras in Education and Public Health Department

Abstract:- Pre-historic megalithic sites -Preservation of Proposals of the Board of Revenue - Approved.

READ: From the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, No. 60(18)-1/2430 dated 20-11-46.

From the Board of Revenue, No. B.P.Rt.2640 dated 10-5-47.

The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, has proposed certain measures for the protection and preservation of the megalithic sites, stone rings and prehistoric monuments in the Province from the ravages of stone quarries. The Government have examined the suggestions in consultation with the Board of Revenue and pass the following orders:-

(1) The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that village headmen and Karnams should be made to inspect the sites and submit a report at least once a quarter, to the Tahsildar through the Firka Revenue Inspector. The Revenue Inspectors in their turn should inspect such sites and submit a report once a half year to Deputy Tahsildars or Tahsildars, as the case may be, The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in independent charge should inspect the sites at least once a year sufficiently in advance of the Jamabandi. The inspection of these sites and monuments should be added as one of the questions to be answered at the time of Jamabandi.

(2) Entries of all the protected archaeological sites should be made in the village Adangal where such entries have not been made so far. For this purpose, the Superintendent, Archaeological survey of India is requested to furnish the Board of Revenue with a list of such sites and monuments and their location.

(3) All offences relating to the sites and monuments should be investigated promptly by the Collectors concerned.

2. The Government also accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that in order to make the village officers take more interest in the preservation of the Archaeological sites, one quarter of the compounding fees realised may be paid as reward to the village officers who detect illicit quarrying of the sites or damage to them.

3. The Board of Revenue is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors in the matter.

To Board of Revenue.
To the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, Fort St. George and Eastern Circle,
To the Accountant General through Finance.
Copy to the Revenue Department.
Copy to Home Department.
Copy to Public (I & P) Department.

Resolution passed by the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology at its meeting held at Madras on the 2nd February, 1948.

7. "That the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology has learnt with the warmest approval of the recent action taken by the Government of Madras to preserve prehistoric megalithic sites within its territory, and congratulates it upon the enlightened lead which it has given to the rest of India in this matter. It urges that other Provincial and State Governments be requested to take similar action."

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From

The Under Secretary to the
Government of India, Ministry of States.

To

Archy 10-48-2

The Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore

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Dated New Delhi, the 30th November 1948.

Protection of pre-historic megalethic sites.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter No. D-4238-G/48, dated the 10th June, 1948, I am directed to enclose, for information and such action as may be considered necessary a copy of letter No. 15/5/48-2C38, dated the 8th October 1948, together with enclosures.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary
to the Government of India.

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KAS - 30/12/48. The copy of Ordinance called for from the Secy. Law Madras may be awaited for taking necessary action in the matter.

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Copy of letter No. 15/5/48-20038, dated the 8th October, 1948 from the Director General of Archaeology in India, New Delhi, to the Ministry of Education, New Delhi 3.

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In inviting a reference to this office u.o.No. 15H/2/48-5148, dated 23rd April, 1948, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Revenue Board, Government of Madras Miscellaneous No.1166 dated the 26th August, 1948 to the Collectors and to request that if there is no objection, the local Government (Except Madras) may be requested to take similar action in their Provinces.

Copy of Revenue Board's Proceedings Miscellaneous No. 1166, dated 26th August 1948 to the Collectors.

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Archaeology:- Prehistoric Magalithic sites - Preservation Of - Instructions for recording these particulars in the village and Taluk Accounts issued.

Read: From the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, No.60(19)-i/2430, dated 20th November 1946.

G.O.Ms.No.148, Education and Public Health Department dated 21.1.48. From the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, No. 60(18)-1/2529, dated 23rd July 1948.

Resolution

The Superintendent Archaeological Survey of India has stressed the need for the Revenue authorities taking adequate steps to protect and preserve megalithic sites stone rings and ancient monuments in good condition. The Government in their order No. MS.148 Education and Public Health Department dated 21.1.48 have directed that the sites should be registered in the village accounts and periodically inspected by the Revenue Inspectors and Tehsildars and that a report should be submitted to the District Collector on their condition. They have also directed that to ensure the systematic inspection of these sites, a new question should be introduced in the Jamabandi check Memo. The Board therefore directs that the following question be included in the Jamabandi Check Memo:-

"Have the prehistoric sites and protected monuments, if any, under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, been inspected periodically by the village officers, Revenue Inspectors, +Deputy Tahsildars, Tahsildars as the case may be, as ordered in G.O.No. 148, Education and Public Health Department dated 21.1.48? Are they preserved in good condition". This should be added as the last question in the Jamabandi Check Memo.

The Board is of the opinion that if this work is to be properly done, permanent registrers have to be maintained in the Collector's office, Taluk Office. They should contain the following particulars:-

(1) Taluk (2) Village (3) Nature of monument (4) S.Nos. in which situated (5) Extent (6) Boundaries (7) Classification of land (8) Name of owner, if no Government poramboke (9) Remarks.

A similar register should be maintained by the village officers. They should inspect the sites and submit a report to the Tahsildar through the Revenue Inspector once a quarter. The Firka Revenue Inspectors should also maintain a register containing the above particulars for his firka and submit the report to the Tahsildar one a half year. A copy of the G.O. referred to above should be pasted on the front page of the register to be maintained in the Collector's office, and in the Taluk office and also in the register to be maintained by the Revenue Inspector. The receipt of the report from the Revenue Inspector should be watched by the Tahsildar by means of opening a new periodical. Similarly the reports from the Tahsildar should be watched in the Collector's office.

The village Register has to be checked with the Taluk Register at every Jamabandi and Taluk Register has to be checked with the District Register at the Collector's Jamabandi. The collector should call for periodical reports from the Tahsildars and review the condition of ancient monuments in his district once a year and send a copy of his review to the Archaeological Deptt.

It is reported that such sites and monuments are in existence only in the districts of Chingleput, South Arcot, North Arcot and Tiruchirapalli and a list of such sites has already been communicated to the Collectors of the concerned districts in Board's reference F.721/48-3 dated 13.7.48. The Archaeological/Department has been requested to furnish cases of new monuments as and when they are notified under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, and brought on list, direct to the Collectors and Tahsildars. The Collectors are requested to issue necessary instructions to their subordinates in the matter.

2. The attention of the Superintendent Archaeological Survey of India is invited to his letter No. 60(18)-1/2529, dated 23rd July 1948 and he is requested to furnish cases of new monuments as and when they are brought on list direct to the Collectors and Tahsildars and send a copy to the Board for its information.

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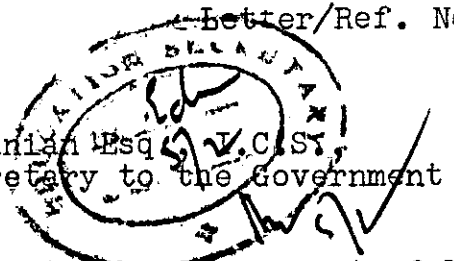

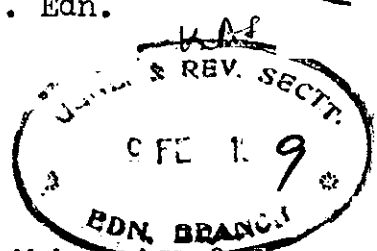

From
M.V. Subramanian Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To
The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Education Department,
Bangalore. (with enclosure)

Dated, Fort St. George, the 28th January 1949.

Sir,

Sub: Pre-historic Megalithic sites in the Province of Madras-
Orders regarding the protection of.

With reference to your letter No.E.5934 dated 13-12-1948 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to forward a copy of orders of this Government No. 148 Edn., dated 21-1-1948 and a copy of the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue in its Proceedings No.1166, dated 26-8-1948.

Yours faithfully,

V. Ramaswami
for Secretary to Government.

Copy of Government G.O.No.148 Edn. of the Education and Public Health Dept. dated 21st January 1948.

Archaeology- Pre-historic megalithic sites- Preservation of- Proposals of the Board of Revenue- Approved.

The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle has proposed certain measures for the protection and preservation of the megalithic sites, stone rings and pre-historic monuments in the Province from the ravages of stone querries. The Government have examined the suggestions in consultation with the Board of Revenue and pass the following orders:

(1) The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that village headmen and Karnams should be made to inspect the sites and submit a report at least once a quarter, to the Tahsildar through the Firka Revenue Inspector. The Revenue Inspectors in their turn should inspect such sites and submit a report once a half year to Deputy Tahsildars or Tahsildars, as the case may be The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in independent charge should inspect the sites at least once a year sufficiently in advance of the jamabandi. The inspection of these sites and monuments should be added as one of the question to be answered at the time of jamabandi.

(2) Entries of all the protected archaeological sites should be made in the village Adangal where such entries have not been made so far. For this purpose, the Superintendent Archaeological Survey of India is requested to furnish the Board of Revenue with a list of such sites and monuments and their location.

(3) All offences relating to the sites and monuments should be investigated promptly by the Collectors concerned.

2. The Government also accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that in order to make the village officers take more interest in the preservation of the archeological sites, one quarter of the compounding fees realised may be paid as reward to the village officers who detect illicite quarrying of the sites or damage to them.

3. The Board of Revenue is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors in the matter.

y of Board of Revenue P.R.Miscellaneous No.1166 dated 26th August 1948.

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Archaeology- Pre historic Megalithic sites- Preservation of- Instructions for recording these particulars in the village and Taluk Accounts issued.

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Resolution:

The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India has stressed the need for the Revenue authorities taking adequate steps to protect and preserve megalithic sites stone rings and ancient monuments in good condition. The Government in their order No.Ms. 148 Edn. & P.H. Department, dated 21-1-48 have dir cted that the sites should be registered in the village accounts and periodically inspected by the Revenue Inspectors and Tahsildars and that a report should be submitted to the District Collector on the condition. They have also directed that to ensure the systematic inspection of these sites, a new question should be introduced in the Jamabandi check memo. The Board therefore directs that the following question be included in the Jamabandi Check Memo:-

"Have the pre-historic sites and protected monuments, if any, under the Ancient Monument Preservation Act, been inspected periodically by the village officers, Revenue Inspectors, Deputy Tahsildars, Tahsildars as the case may be, as ordered in G.O.No.Ms.148 Education and Public Health Department, dated 21-1-48 Are they preserved in good condition". This should be added as the last question in the Jamabandi Check Memo.

The Board is of the opinion that if this work is to be properly done, permanent registers have to be maintained in the Collectors Office, Taluk Office They should contain the following particulars:-

(1) Taluk, (2) Village (3) Nature of monument (4) S.Nos.in which situated (5) Extent (6) Boundaries (7) Classification of land (8)Name of owner, if not Government Poramboke (9) Remarks.

A similar register should be maintained by the village officers. They should inspect the sites and submit a report to the Tahsildar through the Revenue Inspector once a quarter. The Firka Revenue Inspectors should also maintain a register containining the above particulars for his firka and submit the report to the Tahsildar once a half year. A copy of the G.O. referred to above should be pasted on the front page of the registers to be mainted in the Collector's office and in the Taluk Office and also in the register to be maintained by the Revenue Inspector. The receipt of the report from the Revenue Inspector should be watched by the Tahsildar by means of opening a new periodical.

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Similarly the reports from the Tahsildar should be watched in the Co Office.

The village Register has to be checked with the Taluk register at every Jamabandi and the Taluk register has to be checked with the District register at the Collector's Jamabandi. The Collector should call for periodical reports from the Tahsildars and review the condition of Ancient monuments in his district once a year and send a copy of his review to the Archaeological Department.

It is reported that such sites and monuments are in existance only in the districts of Chingleput, South Arcot North Arcot and Tiruchirapalli and a list of such sites has already been communicated to the Collectors of the concerned districts in Board's reference F.721/48-3, dated 13-7-48. The Archaelogical Department has been requested to furnish cases of new monuments as and when they are notified under the Ancient Monuments preservation Act, and brought on list, direct to the Collectors and Tahsildars. The Collectors are requested to issue necessary instructions to their subordinates in the matter.

(True copy)

RH/29.1.31/1

Superintendent.

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

E2797/Ext/20 9/48

To the Director of Archives

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for information and return, a Copy letter No. D.I) 4238-G/48 dt 15th June 1948, with its enclosure, from the Govt. of India, Ministry of States to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore, in the matter of protection of pre-historic megalithic Sites.

Please etc

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for Secy to Govt

29/7.

Dy Secy/ Govt. please make a Copy of the proposed letter with its enclosure.

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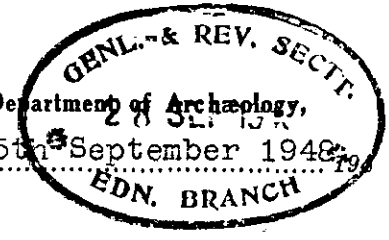
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. 190

Encl.



Department of Archæology,
Mysore, 25th September 1948.

To

The Education Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Subject: Protection of pre-historic megalithic Sites.

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With reference to your letter No.E.2797/En.1 dated 20th September 1948 forwarding for information and report a copy of letter No.D.4238-G/48 dated 15th June 1948 with its enclosure from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of States, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore on the above subject, I write to submit as follows:-

The resolution passed by the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology at its meeting held at Madras on the 2nd February 1948 on the protection of pre-historic megalithic sites and the consequent ordinance issued by the Madras Government on the same subject deserve to be copied in Mysore also since innumerable pre-historic mega-

lithic

sites exist in almost all the districts of the Mysore State and have been noticed in the Annual Reports of the Archaeological Department. Only a few of such megalithic structures at Brahmagiri in the Chitaldrug District have been excavated during recent years. In my opinion an exhaustive scientific survey of these sites and their excavation in the coming years are absolutely necessary and it is appropriate that immediate measures should be undertaken to guarantee their protection against all possible ravages from ignorant villagers. I therefore submit that an ordinance be passed by the Mysore Government also in this matter on the lines of the Madras Government Order.

Yours faithfully,

L. Narasimhaiah

Ag. Director of Archaeology.

E5934 D/13/12/48.

To.

The Secretary to the Govt.
of Madras,
Education and Public
Health Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to be so good as to furnish a copy of the Ordinance issued by the Govt. of Madras regarding the protection of pre-historic megalithic sites in the Province.

I. F.

Thu/19/11

for Sy. to Govt.,
/ Esn dept.

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D.

The Director of Archaeology
in Mysore. Mysore.

Subject:- Protection of pre-historic
megalithic Sites.

Sir,

With reference to
Govt. letter no 190. dated
25.9.1948, I am
directed to request
you to be so good as
to send two copies of
the Ordinance passed
assented by the Govt. of
Madras on the above
subject.

I.F.

for Secy. to Govt.

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT Preservation of Prehistoric Megalithic Sites in the State.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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No. E 3088 & 23/6/50.

To The Director of
Archaeology in Mysore.
Mysore

Sir,

In continuation of
G O No. E. 3077-87/Boly/10-48-4
dated 23, June 1950
issuing instructions
regarding the preservation
of prehistoric Megalithic
sites in the State, I
am directed to request
you to be so good as to
furnish the necessary
amendments that are

With Ancient Monuments preservation
to be effected / enforced to Act of 1925
in the [illegible] dated June 1932

Y. F.

For Sch. Sg. to
Comd.
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